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Description This package uses non-parametric methods to detect rhythms in time series. It deals with outliers, missing values and is optimized for time series comprising 10-100 measurements. As it does not assume expect any distinct waveform it is optimal or detecting oscillating behavior (e.g. circadian or cell cycle) in e.g. genome- or proteome-wide biological measurements such as: micro arrays, proteome mass spectrometry, or metabolome measurements.
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menetRNASeqMouseLiver Time courses of gene expression in mouse liver

Description

Temporal gene expression profiling in mouse liver, measured by high throughput sequencing. Profiles shows the changes in gene expression in mice under 12 h light: 12 h dark conditions. Data were originally published by Menet et. al. (2012) under Creative Commons License 3.0: http://creativecommons.org/licenses/by/3.0/. The data are available in the public domain at GEO http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/geo/ as Dataset entry GSE36916.

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a data. frame containing the normalized expression values for each gene and time point in two repeats. First number shows the time of measurement in 'Zeitgeber Time' (ZT) whereas ZT_0 is the time of light on. The second number specifies the biological replicate.

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References

Menet, J. S., Rodriguez, J., Abruzzi, K. C., & Rosbash, M. (2012). Nascent-Seq reveals novel features of mouse circadian transcriptional regulation. *eLife*, **1(0)**, e00011. doi:10.7554/eLife.00011

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Detection of rhythmic behavior in time series.

Description

rain detects rhythms in time-series using non parametric methods. It uses an extension of the rank test for Umbrella Alternatives (Mack & Wolfe, 1981), based on on the Jonckheere-Terpstra test, which tests whether sets of groups have a trend or not. The Umbrella method extends this to independent rising and falling sets.

Usage

```
rain(x, deltat, period, period.delta = 0, peak.border = c(0.3, 0.7),
    nr.series = 1, measure.sequence = NULL, method = "independent",
    na.rm = FALSE, adjp.method = "ABH", verbose = getOption("verbose"))
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Arguments

x numeric array, containing the data. One row per time point, one column per sample. If more than one replicate is done, see nr.series for formatting.

deltat numeric: sampling interval.

period numeric: Period to search for. The given period is mapped to the best match-

ing number of measurements. A set of periods can be defined by period and

period.delta.

period.delta numeric: width of period interval. A interval of different period-length to eval-

uate is defined by period \$-\$ period.delta and period \$+\$ period.delta. In this interval all possible numbers of time points according to the deltat are tested.

peak.border vector c(min,max): defines the different form of the peak. min and max have to

be >0 and <1. The concrete interpretation depends on the chosen method (see

Details). (default = c(0.3,0.7))

nr.series numeric: Number of replicates of the whole time series. If using nr.series all

series have to have the same length. These multiple time series contained in x must be organized timepoint by timepoint using the following format [r1t1, r2t1,

r1t2, r2t2, ..., r1tn, r2tn] where ritj is the i'th repeat of the j'th time-point.

measure.sequence

numeric array: Numbers of replicates for each time point. By using 'measure.sequence', irregular time courses may be evaluated. A value of 0 is possible and handeled correctly. The array determines how many values are present for each time piont. The values are ordered in the same format as specified above.

measure.sequence overwrites nr.series if both are set.

method string ('independent', 'longitudinal'): identify the method to use (see Details).

na.rm boolean: calculate individual statistics for time series containign NAs. The time

series of a sample containing NAs is treated as if the time points with NA are

not measured. Using this option increases calculation time.

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adjp.method string (see mt.rawp2adjp): select the method wich is used for the multiple test-

ing correction for the different phases and periods and shapes tested

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Details

The method tests whether a the time course consists of alternating rising and falling slopes, repeated with a distinct period. The partitions of the rising part with respect to the whole period are given by peak.border = c(min, max). The value peak.shape specifies this partition in the best matching model. The phase is defined as the time point with the peak. There are two versions of umbrella:

independent Multiple periods are interpreted as repeats of one period.

logitudinal The whole time series remains unaffected. Partial slopes in the beginning and end of the time series are evaluated as shorter slopes. This method implicitly rejects underlying trends. This should be used only with longitudinal samples, hat may contain strong trends

Value

An array containing p-values and the description of the best matching model. Each row apply to a sample in x.

pVal The p-Values

phase The phase of the peak (see Details)

peak. shape The shape of the curve depending on the method used (see Details)

period The period length, same unit as deltat

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References

Mack, G. A., & Wolfe, D. A. (1981). K-Sample Rank Tests for Umbrella Alternatives. *Journal of the American Statistical Association*, **76**(373), 175–181.

Examples

```
# create a dataset with different noise levels
noise.levels <- c(1, 0.5, 0.2, 0.1, 0.05, 0.02)
period <- 15
testset <- apply(matrix(noise.levels, nrow = 1), 2, function(noise){
   timecourse = 1 + 0.4 * cos((1:30) / period * 2 * pi) +
        rnorm(30, 0, noise)
})

results <- rain(testset, period=15, deltat=1, method='independent')
plot(-log(results$pVal) ~ noise.levels)</pre>
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## Not run:
# testing a biological dataset
data(menetRNASeqMouseLiver)
menet.ossc <- rain(t( menetRNASeqMouseLiver ), deltat = 4, period = 24,
    nr.series = 2, peak.border = c(0.3, 0.7), verbose=TRUE)
require('lattice')

best <- order(results$pVal)[1:10]

xyplot(as.matrix(menetRNASeqMouseLiver
    [best, (0:5 * 2 + rep(c(1, 2), each = 6))])
    ~rep(0:11 * 4 + 2, each = 10) |rownames(menetRNASeqMouseLiver)[best],
scales = list(y = list(relation = 'free')),
layout = c(2, 5), type = 'b', pch = 16, xlab = 'time',
ylab = 'expression value', cex.lab = 1)

## End(Not run)</pre>
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